GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Department – Irregularities in works executed under Rural & Interior Area Development (RIAD) by PR Engineering Department, in Visakhapatnam District - Disciplinary proceedings initiated and charge framed under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Sri E. Eswara Rao, Former AEE, PIU, Kotauratla and presently AEE, PIU Chinthapalli erstwhile Visakhapatnam District – Inquiry conducted – Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.648 **Dated:19-10-2023,**
Read the following:-

1. Vigilance & Enforcement Department, Vigilance Report -122 (331 /V&E /E2/2010), dt:6.10.2010.
2. G.O.Rt.No.848, PR & RD (Vig-II) Dept., Dated:06.06.2011.
3. From the Engineer-in-Chief, PR, Hyderabad Lr.No.Vig.1/1061/2011, dated 02.04.2012 together with WSD of Sri E.Eswara Rao, MEE, MPP, VSP.Dist. dt:18.07.2011.
4. Govt.Memo.No.26500/Vig.II/A2/2010-3,Dt:22.03.2012.
5. From Engineer-In-Chief, PR, Vijayawada Lr.No.Vig.I/1061/2011, Dt:15.08.2018.
6. G.O.Rt.No.390, PR&RD(Vig-I)Dept.,Dated:09.07.2020.
7. From Chief Engineer (PR), NABARD and V&QC, Vijayawada (Inquiry Authority)Letter Rc.No.CE(V&QC)/ E.EswaraRao & 4 Others/ RIAD/ VSP/ 2021, dated:27.10.2021.
8. Govt.Memo.No.26500/Vig.I/2010-6 Dt: 16.01.2023.
9. Representation from Sri E. Eswara Rao, AEE., PIU, Chinthapalli, erstwhile Visakhapatnam District dated 10.04.2023.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, Government have initiated disciplinary proceedings duly framing the following article of charge under Rule-20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Sri E. Eswara Rao, Former AEE, PIU, Kotauratla and presently AEE, PIU Chinthapalli erstwhile Visakhapatnam District in respect of irregularities in works executed under Rural & Interior Area Development (RIAD) by PR Engineering Department, Visakhapatnam, with a direction to submit his written statement of defence.

Charge:

"That Sri E. EswaraRao, AEE, PR,PIU, Kotauratla, Visakhapatnam Dist., has misused his official position for his personal gain as he has failed to verify the works position in his jurisdiction as works are already in progress on the execution of works sanctioned under RIAD in Visakhapatnam Dist., contravening the APCS Rules, 1964".

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2. In the reference 3rd read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Hyderabad among others, has furnished dated acknowledgement copy relating to service of charge on the charged officer. He has further informed that charged officer has submitted his written statement of defence and denied charge.

3. In the reference 4th read above, Government have requested the Engineer-In-Chief, PR to furnish remarks on the written statement of defence of all the charged officers involved in the case.

4. In the reference 5th read above, the Engineer-In-Chief, PR has furnished report duly stating that a detailed enquiry is necessary on the written statements of defence of charge officers involved in the case and requested to appoint Inquiry Officer into the matter.

5. Accordingly, Government have issued orders in the reference 6th read above and appointed the Chief Engineer (NABARD), O/o ENC, PR, A.P., Vijayawada as Inquiry Authority to inquire into the charges framed against Sri E. Eswara Rao, Former AEE, PIU, Kotauratla and presently AEE, PIU Chinthapalli erstwhile Visakhapatnam District and other four (4) charged officers. The Superintending Engineer, PR, Visakhapatnam District was appointed as Presenting Officer to present the case on behalf of the Government in support of the article of charge against the said Government Servants before the Inquiry Authority on behalf of the Government under Rule 20(5) © of APCS(CC&A)Rules, 1991.

6. In the reference 7th read above, the Chief Engineer (NABARD), O/o ENC, PR, A.P., Vijayawada & Inquiry Officer has submitted Inquiry Report along with his findings. In his findings, he has stated that the Charged Officer Sri E. Eswara Rao, the then AEE, PIU, Kotauratla was entrusted with the work of preparation of the estimate only. As per his statement he has submitted the VLC proposals and he is waiting for instructions from the higher authorities regarding entrustment of the work. Also, he is looking after another work on the same road. Therefore, he cannot escape showing the reason that the work execution was not entrusted to him officially. But Koyyuru Mandal was not his regular jurisdiction and it might be difficult to him to make frequent inspections to the work spot where the contracting/executing agency is yet to be finalized. Hence, there is a chance for mobilizing material by the proposed contracting/executing agency in advance without notice of the officials, knowing the plans/designs of the bridge. Also, whether the materials were mobilized with the knowledge of the Charged Officer or not, cannot be established at present. The Superintending Engineer, PR, Visakhapatnam & Presenting Officer have stated that he is not in-charge of execution of the bridge. Accordingly, the Inquiry Officer, in his findings, concluded that the charge framed against him has been examined and on the basis of documentary and oral evidences produced before him during the course of enquiry and in view of the findings discussed, he could not find any viable reasons to establish the charge framed against Sri E. Eswara Rao, the then AEE., PIU, Kotauratla and hence the charge is not held proved.

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7. Government, after careful examination of matter, have decided to accept the findings of the Inquiry Officer and to drop further action against Sri E. Eswara Rao, the then AEE, PIU, Kotauratla, in the matter.

8. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against Sri E. Eswara Rao, the then AEE, PIU, Kotauratla, in the matter.

9. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada, shall take further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B RAJSEKHAR
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri E. Eswara Rao, the then AEE, PIU, Kotauratla presently AEE, PIU Chinthapalli erstwhile Visakhapatnam District (Through ENC, PR, Vijayawada)
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The Secretary to V.C, A.P.V.C, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The General Administration (V&E) Department.
The PR & RD (Estt-I) Department – for information
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